

Committee OKs request

By Suzie Zillner
Editor

The Missouri House Appropriations Committee duplicated Gov. Joseph Teasdale's recommendations last week when its members chose to back the University's \$13.8 million emergency request to replace space lost in last July's Administration Building fire and a 5.2 percent increase for Northwest's general operating budget for the next fiscal year.

Northwest President B.D. Owens said he is delighted with the committee's emergency request recommendation.

"It was certainly a big step forward," Owens said. "Of course, now it has to go through the House and Senate."

The first reading of the emergency measure bill came late last Thursday in the House, Owens said. The bill must be read to the representatives three times before the measure is rejected or amended and passed on to the Senate, he said.

Owens said he did not know when the final outcome of the bill will come.

"It could be in March or April," he said. "But it's very, very difficult to know how fast things move on the legislature's agenda," he said.

Owens said he is not aware of any opposition to the University's emergency request in the legislature. Both House and Senate leaders have announced their support for the measure's passage.

If the \$13.8 million is approved as an emergency request by the state, the funds would be available immediately after Gov. Teasdale's signature. Otherwise, the money would be delayed 90 days following the governor's signature.

Northwest's request for \$13.8 million calls for \$1.58 million to restore the Administration Building; the construction of a \$7.4 million library building; and an estimated \$477,000 for the remodeling of Wells Library into additional classroom space; the construction of a \$2.97 million auditorium to replace the Frank Deerwester Auditorium which was destroyed by

fire; a \$1.8 million recovery request for non-structure losses and replacement of emergency expenses and a \$200,000 request for tunnel repair.

The 5.2 percent budget increase recommendation by the governor and the Appropriation Committee is considerably less than the 21.5 percent increase University officials had requested over this year's \$9.2 million budget.

The state uses a figure based on enrollment trends for part of its recommendation, Owens said. Since 1971, enrollment at Northwest had declined until this past year when the University experienced a 14.5 percent enrollment increase. However, enrollment increases do not show up in state funding for two years.

The committee's recommendation for Northwest's budget increase is second lowest in the state. Missouri Southern State College at Joplin received a 3.8 percent increase.

Owens said the Senate has the power to override the House and pass a larger budget.

"It's quite unlikely that will happen to us this year," Owens said. "The numbers, or enrollment figures, were just not there to justify it," he said.

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Carter, Reagan post primary victories

By Ken Wilkie

President Jimmy Carter and former California Governor Ronald Reagan emerged victors following Tuesday's New Hampshire Primary, the first real test in popularity of the presidential candidates among the American voters.

As expected, Carter beat out challengers Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Governor Jerry Brown of California. However, the president's victory was much narrower than the early polls indicated.

Carter took 49 percent of the total vote, while Kennedy only managed 38 percent and Brown won 10 percent of the vote.

Although Kennedy was clearly the second-place candidate, he claimed victory, citing the fact that in 1976 Carter captured only 20 percent of the New Hampshire vote and was still able to claim victory.

On the Republican side, George Bush was upset with a stunning defeat by Reagan, captured 50 percent of the vote, while Bush, who was expected to win, was only able to hold on to 23 percent.

Senator Howard Baker came in third with 13 percent and Representative John Anderson of Illinois was next with 10 percent. Both Phillip Crane and John Connally were only able to win two percent and Senator Robert Dole of Kansas did not capture any percentage of the vote. Although President Gerald Ford was not running, he was able to win some write-in votes, but not enough to receive any percentage points.

The New Hampshire Primary was the first time in the 1980 campaign where votes were actually cast in secret and thus served as the kickoff of the year.

Actual delegates were at stake in the primary for both parties. On the Democratic side, Carter won 10 delegates for the nominating convention, while Kennedy came a close second with nine. Brown did not receive any of the 19 delegates who will vote in August during the Democratic National Convention in New York.

The margin of delegates was much broader on the Republican side, with Reagan capturing 13, while Bush only won five and Baker only two.

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Caroling incident sparks action

Sig Taus placed on probation

Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity has been put on probationary status until next fall by Dr. John Mees, vice president for student development.

The probation resulted from a caroling incident before Christmas break, Mees said.

"They're placed on probationary status with the stipulation that more severe action can be taken during the probation period," Mees said. "Hopefully, there will not be any problems."

Probation does not restrict the Taus but it does require them to plan a program of improvement and report their progress to Mees and Irene Huk, director of student activities, and Inter-Fraternity Council sponsor.

"They are to be on their best behavior and re-examine their goals as a fraternity," Huk said. "They've indicated some projects like a scholarship award to place more emphasis on scholarship in the fraternity."

The Taus will also work more with the pledges and continue their community service projects, Huk said.

The probation decision was an administrative one.

"I put them on probation after a consultation with the two IFC sponsors (Huk and Jim Wyant) and discussion with the fraternity's president and advisor and also Dean Hayes, acting registrar," Mees said.

IA club prepares to build alcohol still

By Tammy Calfee
Staff Writer

Plans are underway and the equipment is being gathered for the construction of an alcohol still on the NWMSU campus.

The still, which is hoped to produce at least 180 proof alcohol, is being built by Dr. John Rhoades and the High Performance Team, which consists of Industrial Arts club members who are interested in improving fuel economy.

"In order for the still to be built here on campus, the University first had to apply for a license for us to produce alcohol," Rhoades said.

After receiving the license, Rhoades and the team began preparations for building the still. A small scale still, which is also workable, will be used as a model for the still which is being built.

Equipment is now being gathered for the still. Pieces consisting of old percolators from the cafeteria will be used for the boiler and fermentation tanks on the still.

"When we get all of the pieces for the still, it will only take about six to eight hours to put it together," Rhoades said.

Grain, such as corn and wheat donated by the college farm, will be used to produce the alcohol in the still.

First, the grain must be ground to a coarse texture and then water will be added to this grain to begin the fermentation process. Yeast will then be added to the grain mixture and all of this must be allowed to set in the fermentation tank for three or four days. This fermentation will allow the mixture to be broken down into what is called corn mash.

After the mash is made, the mixture is now referred to as "beer." The beer is then heated to 174 degrees, when the alcohol will boil off and proceed through the distilling column into the other tank. At this time, the alcohol is hoped to be anywhere from 168 to 180 proof, with 200 proof being pure alcohol.

"The alcohol we produce will be used as an alternate fuel for our Pinto project and we will also run research tests on

other engines with what alcohol we produce," Rhoades said.

The Pinto Project was designed for such uses. It is a 1975 Ford Pinto which has been overhauled and rebuilt to get the best gas efficiency.

The car is built from a 1975 Pinto body, a 1971 Datsun 16 cubic centimeter engine, a Datsun 4-speed transmission and a 1973 Vega rear axle. The top of the car has been lowered four inches to decrease the weight and the wind resistance; also the gas tank has been replaced by a fuel cell. The interior of the car has been torn out and all redone to also lighten the car.

The original metal front end of the Pinto is now being replaced by a fiber glass front end and the engine is being changed so that it will run on two cylinders, with these two cylinders producing enough exhaust to power the other two cylinders.

The Pinto is used mostly for student research and has also participated in several economy rallies throughout the United States.



Shadow Dancin'

As the setting sun creates a variety of shadows on the steps of the Maryville Public Library, a young patron, well bundled against the chill, finds a spot to rest while waiting for a ride.

Missourian photo/Andre Jackson

Officials discuss waste-to-energy bids

By Lori Atkins
Managing Editor

University officials hope to reach a decision on three waste-to-energy proposals around April 1, said Dr. Robert Bush, vice president of environmental development.

The three proposals, whose bids range from \$1.8 to \$4.5 million, are different ways of converting waste to steam energy for the University. Two of the systems take the waste directly from the boiler, but the third system involves using pellets of waste.

"The pellets can be stored and we could use them when we need them," Bush said. However, additional questions have been raised by the Environmental Protection Agency about the third system.

But Bush said these questions do not bring about severe problems for the waste-to-energy plan.

"It's just another point of view," he said. "There's still additional data we need about the pelletizing system--

management date about the true cost."

The waste-to-energy system could have the potential of saving the University about \$200,000 a year, Bush said. However, he said, saving money cannot be the prime object.

"We have to find an energy source that is reliable," he said. "And then we have to find the best way to go."

Bush said the University has three main ways of financing the building of the waste-to-energy project.

"We could use the money market and borrow money for it," he said. "And we could use the savings we make to pay back the money. Or we could buy steam from someone else." Bush said NWMSU could buy the steam from a

private company and pay them each year for the system.

The third alternative is going through the channels of the Missouri legislature.

"We could go to Jefferson City and ask for appropriations," Bush said.

After the system has been selected, it will take about 18 to 24 months to get the system working on campus, Bush said.

Time has become an important element in selecting the system, Bush said, and, although the officials have been working on the proposals for several months, they are still seeking new information about each of the three systems to help them make the correct choice, he said.

"In no way have we lost enthusiasm for it," Bush said. "It's so new and so different and there are so many people for us to contact. We have to be sure we cover all the bases because it will take lots of money and will have a tremendous impact on the campus and the community."

Bush said the idea of a waste-to-energy system came about when University officials realized there was a serious waste problem on the campus and in the city.

"We hope if the waste-to-energy plan will help solve the city's landfill problem," Bush said. He said that, with the University having its own waste plan, the city landfill could last about two thirds longer for city use.

Four to attend MCSGA conference

NWMSU will send four voting delegates to the spring coalition of the Missouri Collegiate Student Government Association to be held March 28-30 at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg.

Those schools attending, besides NWMSU and CMSU, will be Southeast Missouri State University, Northeast Missouri State University and Southwest Missouri State University.

The highlight of the MCSGA meeting this spring will be a debate sponsored by the association. It will consist of a candidate forum of the four gubernatorial candidates of the state. The forum will be March 30.

The MCSGA, founded in 1977, is held alternately each fall and spring on the regional college campuses, said Roger Scarbrough, Student Senate president and MCSGA Executive Board member from NWMSU this year. Scarbrough is also treasurer of the association.

The main purpose of the MCSGA meeting is for the student governments of the schools to share ideas they have developed over the year, Scarbrough said.

"It exposes the representatives to each of the campuses," he said. "The original idea is to exchange ideas and topics between the schools. We learn that each Student Senate is working on and what we would like to try here."

Scarbrough said the guest speakers for the MCSGA meetings are usually local politicians of the Missouri legislature.

"They pertain to us, and we do our lobbying through the local representatives," Scarbrough said. "We don't have enough to lobby any other way."

Those who will represent NWMSU at the MCSGA meeting have not been selected yet, but Scarbrough said the four voting delegates will be selected

soon after spring break, which ends March 17.

"Normally we take seven or eight people," Scarbrough said. "But our biggest limit is our budget."

Scarbrough said the NWMSU Student Senate plays an extremely active role in the MCSGA.

"We're very active," he said. "We've established ourselves as a dedicated member. We do a lot of work and we get a lot out of it. The interchange is very important. It's a comprehensive input," Scarbrough said.

Although the association has two meetings each year, Scarbrough said a proposal will go before the association to reduce the meeting to just one, to be held in the spring. However, Scarbrough said he does not know if it will pass or not.

SUB \$5 fee increase proposal passes IRC and Student Senate

A Student Union Board proposal for a \$5 fee increase for activities has passed both Inter-residence Council and Student Senate and will now go before the administration, said Roger Scarbrough, Student Senate president.

"We proposed the \$5 increase for several reasons," said Lou Ann Mahlandt, SUB president. "The Union Board budget has been kept about the same in the last 10 years, while entertainment prices and movie and concert fees have gone way up. We also hope to be able to put on two concerts out of our own budget, whereas before we relied on outside funds."

Most of the activities put on by SUB are free, except movies and concerts. If the fee proposal is put into effect, there

would still be a charge for these events, but an activity ticket will still be issued for other events.

"Another reason we proposed this is so that we will be able to afford top entertainment groups, whose fees have also gone way up," said Mahlandt.

IRC passed the original proposal, but Student Senate sent it back and then backed it after adding five stipulations to the proposal.

"The basic proposal was very broad and vague, so we sent it back," Scarbrough said. "We had to know who it would benefit and who would be affected by it. After we attached five stipulations to the proposal we passed it."

The five stipulations are: 1) the

money must be earmarked for concerts only, 2) Union Board must maintain its present budget, 3) Union Board must maintain a revolving account, 4) Only full time students will be charged the \$5 assessment and 5) Part-time students will have the option of buying an activity card for \$5.

The proposal must now go through the administration and the Board of Regents before it can go into effect, which Scarbrough said will probably not be until 1981.

"We will be meeting with Dr. Mees all week about it and it will probably be a while before it gets to the Board of Regents," Scarbrough said. "They already have the fees for next year set, so I think it will be impossible for it to go into effect until 1981."

Campus briefs

Sky-diving seminar scheduled

A seminar on sky diving will be at 7 p.m. March 5 in the Horace Mann auditorium. The seminar will include discussing the formation of a club and the showing of some movies.

Society holds banquet

The American Society for Personnel Administration will hold a banquet at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Cardinal Inn. Dr. Gary Cameron is the sponsor for the society, and Gary Cummins is president.

Millikan Hall wins contest

Winners of the January energy conservation contest are first place to Millikan Hall and second to Hudson. Millikan wins \$500 and Hudson wins \$250 in the Inter-Residence Council-sponsored event.

The winning dorms must use the prize money for some type of renovation within the dorm. A contest will be held every month until April.

The winners are figured by taking the energy usage of each dorm at the end of the month and breaking down the consumption per person. These results are then compared to consumption per person in 1978. This comparison is used because 1978 figures were used in last year's energy contest.

Division of Communication receives grant

Northwest's Division of Communications has been awarded a \$1,250 grant from the Missouri Committee for the Humanities to conduct an educational conference on the subject of "Science Fiction and Its Influence on Our Culture."

The educational conference, scheduled for March 5 on the Northwest campus, is intended to bring together science fiction writers and academic humanists before an open forum of secondary school students, college students and citizens of the Northwest Missouri State University region.

Co-directors for the project are Dr. Charles Kovich, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Carrol Fry, chairman of the department of English. Kovich and Fry arranged for the residents of the region to hear and interact with Frederik Pohl, a science fiction writer.

Alumni Association to meet

The NWMSU St. Joseph chapter of the Alumni Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Moila Country Club in St. Joseph.

Under the direction of Vincent "Pat" Zuchowski, the meeting will feature a discussion by University President Dr. B. D. Owens of plans being formulated to recover from last summer's Administration Building Fire and plans for the school's 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Attending will be numerous University faculty, administrators, and emeritus faculty members to visit with an expected large group of St. Joseph area alumni.

NWMSU Iranians criticize U.S. involvement in Iran

By Kevin Vall
Staff Writer

With the formation of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Iran, many NWMSU Iranian students believe that Iran's dispute over the United States' interventions in Iran's internal affairs through the Shah regime will be revealed.

The students, who have witnessed and lived during the Shah's years of power, believe that the U.N. Council findings will prove their accusations that the U.S. government did interfere with their country's internal policies.

A short history of Iran reveals that the Shah was ousted from power in 1952 and exiled from his country by Premier Mossadegh. Nine months later, after Iran experienced riots throughout Tehran weakening Mossadegh's rule, the Shah returned to power, this time with far superior military power than any of his rivals. During his bloody

reign, which lasted until 1979, thousands of dissidents were killed, particularly college students. Despite constant public unrest and two unsuccessful revolts, the Shah remained in power by way of military force and his secret police, the Savak.

Securing the wealth of the Iranian oil fields, the Shah grew in power in the eyes of the world. He westernized Iran, bringing long needed modernization to a backwards country. However, his killings went on and led to a third revolution that finally overthrew him. From this point, the Shah escaped to Mexico and then entered the U.S. on a medically-oriented visit, which led to the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Iran and its staff.

The Iranian students contend that the United States' interference in Iran is three-fold. First is that the United States, by way of the CIA, was responsible for bringing the Shah back to power in 1953; second, that it was the

CIA that trained the Shah and his secret police how to rule the country by fear and force, and last, that the United States exploited the value of Iranian oil.

"After the Shah was exiled from Iran, he came to the United States," believes Saied Mahdavi, a native of Tehran and engineering student at NWMSU. "Riots from unknown sources, the CIA, sprang up all over Tehran. Three days after these riots, the Shah returned to power," he said.

"The Shah then established the Savak with the help of the CIA," Mahdavi said. "They tortured and killed anyone that spoke out against the Shah. A cousin of mine was taken by them and forced to stand in a cage that had a brook running between his legs that made it impossible for him to sit down. He stood in the cage for six months."

Another Iranian student, Mohse Safabakhsh, agrees that the CIA was an important factor in keeping the Shah in

power.

"The Shah used CIA advice while he ruled," Safabakhsh said. "He had people put in jail or killed if they were a threat to his rule. The CIA helped in the training of counter revolutionaries so that they would be able to stop or delay a revolution for years," he said.

Another Iranian student who did not wish to be identified, recently visited Tehran over the Christmas holiday and saw and participated in the demonstrations outside the U.S. Embassy.

"Our country has vast amounts of oil, but our houses are cold," he said. "The Shah kept all the wealth from our oil, instead of using it to build up our country. The United States bought our oil cheaply through the Shah without any concern for the Iranian people. Americans complain of waiting hours in gas lines, but in Iran I have stood in line two days for seven gallons of gas," he said.

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HAM radio course develops on campus

By Angel Watson
Staff Writer

Designed to introduce a new form of communication as a hobby, the Amateur Radio Novice License Course is being offered this semester for the first time at Northwest.

Providing two credit hours, the HAM radio course meets Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 in room 127 of the Valk Industrial Arts Building.

"The course was set up to introduce amateur radio to students, hoping to draw enough interest to begin a club," said Bob Potter, instructor.

The term HAM is a nickname for one who expresses himself by use of communicating through electronics. This form of communication is similar to the citizens band, but offers more benefits, Potter said.

The amateur radio is not professional and is a hobby, he said. It began during the late 1800s and was used to enable the military to communicate during World War I and World War II.

Currently, 11 students are enrolled in the course.

The course is more of a self-study course, with Potter serving as a

re-inforcer who explains questionable material. The textbook for the course is set up to allow the course to be self-study oriented.

"Amateur radio requires you to put forth effort to apply what is learned," Potter said. "Unlike the CB, the operator puts together his equipment and is able to repair it, whereas the Federal Communication Commission prohibits CB operators to tamper with the CB."

The course is also structured around the novice license, first level license. The novice license is an introductory-type license to the HAM radio as the operator gets used to communicating on the air. There are five levels of license: novice, technician, general, advanced and extra.

The FCC has set requirements to fulfill before receiving a novice license, which this course helps meet. One requirement is that the person is able to send and receive Morse Code at five words per minute. He also has to know the basic electricity and electronic theory. Learning the basic FCC rules and regulations is also required.

After the student learns to communicate five words per minute and passes a test Potter issues, a form is sent to the FCC.

"This is for record purposes," Potter said.

The FCC then sends a novice license test which Potter administers to the students. He then sends it back to the FCC for grading.

"The questions are elementary so I am able to inform the students if he has passed," Potter said.

With a novice license, the student is capable of going on the air if he has adequate equipment. Presently, the Industrial Arts department has basic novice equipment to go on the air.

Depending on what level of license an operator has, there are several ways he can use a HAM radio. This course introduces students to possibilities which include using Morse Code, several forms of voice communication, radio teletype (RTTY), slow scan TV, satellite communication by using satellites already in orbit, moon bouncing radio (bouncing a signal off of the moon to a neighbor), computers and operating the control stations.

"Other cultural benefits are being able to communicate with others around the world and having a common basis of understanding with different races, religions, cultures and countries," Potter said.

Potter said, during the late '50s and early '60s, NWMSU had an amateur radio club set up in Wilson Hall, with various types of equipment. Because of many conflicting factors, the group broke up.

The current course is open to all students.

"Anyone can take the course as it is structured for the person who knows the least about electricity to those who do know," Potter said.

Campus Safety to post signs at Armory lot

Signs should be up by the end of this week at the entrance of the parking lot south of the Armory, giving designated parking hours for students, said James Cremer, director of Campus Safety.

The lot, which belongs to the Armory, may be used by students from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Cremer said. However, no weekend or overnight parking will be permitted.

The signs are being posted because the students have been using the lot too much and the people of the Armory do not have any parking spaces, he said.

Cremer said campus safety will begin ticketing the parking violators after the signs are posted.

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The budgets will be finalized by late April, Owens said.

If the final budget is approved at the recommended \$9.75 million, Owens said, the University will have to cut back on staff.

"We won't be replacing any vacancies unless they are in certain academic areas," he said.

Presently, the University continues to function under a general spending freeze. The freeze will continue until the University receives \$1.1 million of the anticipated \$13.8 million to replace dollars spent out of the operating budget as a result of the Administration Building fire.

"We've had no problems with the freeze so far," Owens said. "I've talked with many people about it and they've been most supportive," he said.

Senate proposes meal change

The Student Senate has devised a proposal that the NWMSU food service provide a brunch and an evening meal on Sundays, instead of the current meals now served by SAGA, breakfast and lunch.

The Senate is using the proposal as a bid alternate for the food service at Northwest.

The brunch designed for those who sleep late, will be served from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 followed by a dinner served from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The proposal developed when Danny Canchola, freshman class president of Student Senate, suggested serving Sunday lunch and evening meals instead of Sunday breakfast and lunch.

"Since few students attend breakfast meals, Student Senate pursued the idea," said Joe Pickard, vice president of Student Senate. "So we approached Dr. John Mees (vice president for student development) with the idea, who had heard of this being practiced at other universities, and he favored it."

The bids will open March 3, and, after Marvin Sillman, Student Union director, University President B.D. Owens and Mees review them, one will be selected.

"We will select the one we think will be the most advantageous to the University, with the best service at the lowest cost," said Mees. "Dr. Owens will then recommend a service to the Board of Regents."

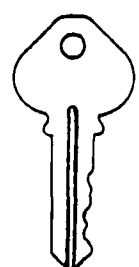
Roger Scarbrough, Student Senate president, said the Student Senate is in the process of checking with the other regional colleges to see if such a program exists on their campus and gather comments on how it works.

Reasons causing a possible price increase may include the difference in the menu or the amount of students that will be eating these additional meals.

"If there is a large turnout, the service will have to hire additional help on Sundays to prepare the evening meal," Scarbrough said. "I think the students will support the change if the increase is minimal."

Scarbrough said it is difficult to predict how many students will actually eat Sunday evening meals since it has become a tradition to eat out on Sundays.

Pickard said SAGA has served the University since the fall of '77, with the University serving the meals before it.



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Women's determination should keep dorm open

It has been nearly two weeks since the sorority residents of Roberta Hall learned that a committee had unanimously approved that the dormitory be vacated before the semester's end.

With a change in the administration's decision, the 149 women do not have to move from Roberta. But that does not mean they can continue living in the hall in the same manner they had been living.

Because the residents want to live in Roberta, they have assumed new responsibilities for safety and precautionary measures in the dorm.

Each morning at 3 and 5, two residents must tour the building, checking for possible fire hazards along the way. The women may no longer smoke in their rooms and electrical appliances and outlet usages are carefully scrutinized.

If a resident fails to follow these precautionary measures, she is faced with strict disciplinary

penalties: a \$10 fine and a write-up for her first offense; \$25 fine and a write-up for the second offense; and expulsion from Roberta after the third offense.

Roberta Hall Director Deb Mullen said the residents are cooperating extremely well thus far, noting that a broken water pipe was discovered in a basement storage room during one of the early morning patrols.

Roberta's residents should be commended for making the effort they have expended to remain in the hall.

Although the University does have the option to vacate Roberta at a moment's notice, it appears that if the residents continue with such determination to make the dorm a safer place, the University should not have to consider such an option.

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★ Iran

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"With all the money, the Shah bought \$36 million of weapons instead of building something useful like universities. The United States sold them to him so that we could defend ourselves against a possible Russian attack," he said.

Many Americans and American businesses came to Iran when the Shah was in power," he said. "One reason was that the Shah needed someone to show him how to use his new products of modernization. Many of the businesses just tried to make a profit instead of helping our country."

Safabakhsh also said the reason for Iran's chaotic financial conditions is indirectly the result of United States tampering.

"Many contracts were signed with the United States during the Shah's regime," he said. "There are still some contracts that the new government is bound to as a result of the Shah."

"Because the Shah brought modernization to Iran, our days as an agricultural country are over," Safabakhsh said. "We are now totally consuming things and rely on the rest of the world's exports for survival. Before the Shah we were a self-sufficient country," he said.

Besides the economical and political

changes Iran experienced as a result of the Shah, their culture was also affected.

"The Shah tried to make Iran as much like the western world as possible," Safabakhsh said. "Because of this, much of our culture was changed. When you see your people hate their own culture, it is really sad to see."

Concerning the hostage situation, the Iranian students agree the prisoners will not be harmed.

"The only reason the Americans were taken hostage was because we saw no other way to get the world to listen to us," Safabakhsh said.

"Countries around the world are now on good relations with Iran. They are willing to listen. Our problem, like all other small countries, is that we are still at the mercy of the two super powers, Russia and the United States. They don't want to see the small countries grow and become a formidable independent power. We don't want another Shah because of this."

Probably the best way to describe the Iranians' feelings is said by Behnam Vafaie, a native of the religious city Qum, the home of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

"Our people are now united," he said. "We just want to be left alone."

Campaign '80 Reflection and Review

By Ken Wilkie

With the New Hampshire primary over, the men have been separated from the boys as far as top contenders for the presidential race are concerned.

It is apparent that President Jimmy Carter's stay-at-home strategy is working as he was able to beat Kennedy in his own backyard. But as Kennedy stated following the primary, the campaign is becoming more of an issues campaign. With the narrower margin between the two men than was expected, it seems that the American voters are becoming more concerned with skyrocketing inflation than with how Carter is dealing with the Iranian crisis.

And this new look at the issues became even more evident in New Hampshire as George Bush was dealt a stunning blow when Ronald Reagan took 50 percent of the vote over Bush's 23 percent. All along, Bush was considered to be what the Republicans needed to win back the White House but he never expressed concrete opinions on the issues as Reagan did with his conservative point of view.

The biggest surprise coming out of the New Hampshire Primary was John Anderson's fourth place hold over John Connally and Robert Dole. It is apparent that Anderson has become the sleeper in this campaign and he now has a new momentum which, if it will last, he could become a front runner before the nominating convention.

★ Primary

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The biggest surprise in the primary was, of course, the defeat which Reagan handed to Bush. Reagan defeated Bush in every area of the state and was something short of a landslide.

Shortly before results began coming in, Reagan announced the firing of his campaign manager and press secretary because of a difference in opinion of how the campaign should be run. Reagan wanted a more personal campaign strategy, while the men who were fired wanted to run the campaign too professionally, Reagan said.

By no means does the New Hampshire primary definitely vote on who will receive the nomination, but it does serve as a good indicator of who should stay in the race and who should not. Although many people would like to think that the interest is specifically with the man alone, the fact is that the base is with the party and none of the candidates from either party want to do anything which will have a negative effect on their chances for the presidency.

John Connally and Robert Dole would do just as well to step out of the race. Neither men have offered an alternative to the Republican platform.

On the Democratic side, Jerry Brown, should also take a serious look at whether or not he should continue as his candidacy is not really doing anything but taking pot shots at the Carter administration and not offering any viable alternatives.

As for Kennedy, he will probably win in Massachusetts next week as it is his home state. But if Carter pulls an upset in Kennedy's front yard, then Kennedy should also consider whether it would be worth his while.

But as everyone is saying and will continue to say until the nominating conventions, it's not over yet. The road is long, but the obstacles become even more difficult to overcome and many of the candidates will not be able to take the heat generated from the pavement.

Bush's defeat slowed down the momentum which he built up during the Iowa caucuses. Many believe the defeat resulted from Bush's actions during last weekend's Republican debate.

Stating that the debate was to be only between him and Reagan, Bush did not want to debate with any of the other Republican candidates, thus causing controversy within the party.

Reagan wanted them released prior to the outcome so that it would not look as though he were blaming them for defeat in case he lost.

Missourian & Tower positions available

The Tower, yearbook of Northwest Missouri State University, and the Northwest Missourian, campus newspaper, are accepting applications for several editorial and management positions for the 1980-1981 school year. The newspaper would prefer people who would be available to work during summer sessions 1980.

Some positions may pay a modest salary, all are positions qualifying for work study pay and all positions involve work for which academic credit can be given through English 150 and 151, Journalism Practicum, and English 350 and 351, Advanced Journalism Practicum.

Application forms and further information are available from Profs. Dean Kruckeberg and Jeanne Williams in McCracken Hall and will be accepted through Friday, March 7.

Newspaper positions available

Editor

The editor will be ultimately responsible among the student staff for all phases of newspaper production. The editor will assign news writing assignments, will do some news writing and some copy editing, headline writing, make-up and keylining. The editor will write most of the editorials and be responsible for editorial policies. The editor will supervise section editors, the advertising manager and circulation manager and will work closely with the business manager.

Qualifications include maturity and excellent news judgment, professional or nearly professional abilities in news gathering, writing and processing and familiarity with all phases of newspaper production. Leadership ability and the ability to motivate people to perform at their highest levels are essential qualifications.

Managing Editor

The managing editor will be an assistant to the editor and will have major responsibilities in copy editing, headline writing and make-up. The managing editor will do some news writing and editorial writing. Qualifications are essentially the same as those of the editor.

City Editor

The city editor will have a limited staff, but will primarily cover news himself within the city and, to a lesser extent, in the county and the region. The city editor must have a thorough knowledge of governmental and public affairs reporting and must be able to identify off-campus news which is important or of interest to the University community.

University Editor

The University editor will have some supervisory responsibility and will have major newswriting responsibilities. The University editor will work closely with the editor and managing editor in identifying University news and assigning stories to news staff. This person must have professional or nearly professional abilities in news gathering, writing and processing.

Photo Editor

The photo editor will be responsible for all photo coverage in the Northwest Missourian and the Northwest Lifestyle section of the newspaper. This editor must be expert or nearly expert in all areas of photography, including composition, all darkroom procedures and photo layout. Also, good news judgment and some journalistic writing ability are required.

Advertising Manager

The advertising manager must be an aggressive salesperson who can compete well in a limited market area and who is familiar with advertising composition and design. The advertising manager must be capable of directing and motivating a staff of advertising personnel and must work closely with the business manager in billing.

Circulation Manager

The circulation manager is responsible for directing delivery throughout the University and for subscription and vending sales. The majority of the duties are on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings.

Feature / Entertainment Editor

This editor will be responsible for the entertainment section of the newspaper and will also assign feature stories about University life for inclusion in other sections of the newspaper. The feature/entertainment editor must be capable of critically reviewing the arts and entertainment on campus and in Maryville. Qualifications also include excellent abilities in copyediting, headline writing, make-up and keylining.

Sports Editor

The sports editor will be responsible for the sports section of the Northwest Missourian, including assigning stories, copy editing, headline writing, make-up and keylining. The editor will also write a sports column and must have professional or nearly professional abilities in all areas of sports reportage. A thorough knowledge of all types and areas of collegiate sports is required as well as the ability to build reporter-source rapport with University coaches and athletes.

Yearbook positions available

Editor

Editor: The editor will be ultimately responsible among the student staff for all phases of yearbook production. The editor will approve all layouts, photos and copy, determine editorial policy and do some copy writing and photography. The editor will supervise division editors and will work closely with the business manager.

Qualifications include maturity, and excellent news judgment, professional or near professional abilities in news gathering, writing and processing. Leadership ability and the ability to motivate people to perform at their highest levels are essential qualifications.

Assistant Editor

Assistant editor: The assistant editor will be in charge of the production of the book and will be in charge of developing the introduction, closing and division pages.

Copy Editor

Copy editor: The copy editor will serve a chief copy writer and will make copy assignments with the editor. The copy editor will copy edit all yearbook copy and will help section editors write captions and headlines.

Photo Editor

Photography editor: The photography editor will serve as chief photographer for the book, will make photo assignments with the editor and will choose photos to be used.

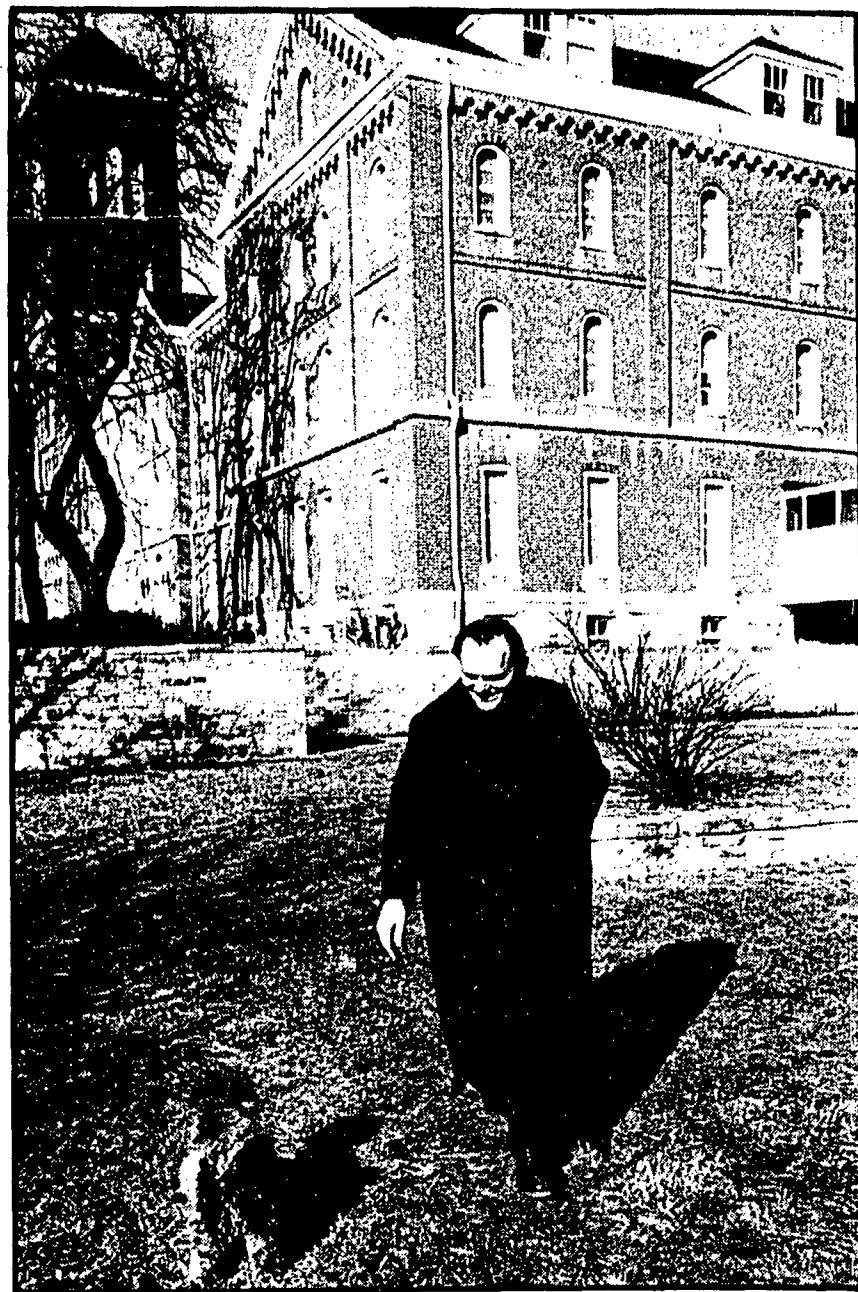
Layout Editor

Layout editor: The layout editor will be in charge of yearbook page makeup and will serve as chief layout person.

Division Editors

Five division editors: Each division editor will be in charge of one of the following yearbook sections: people, academics, student life, organizations and sports. Division editors will serve as chief copy writers for their divisions and will help the editor develop feature ideas for their divisions.

NORTHWEST lifestyle



Area forecaster follows nature's signs

By Suzie Zillner
Editor

When Brother Damian of Conception Abbey, southeast of Maryville, writes his weekly column for the Maryville **Daily Forum** or phones Bethany's public radio station, a newcomer to Northwest Missouri would surely think that such messages would deal with religion.

However, most area residents now recognize Brother Damian as Northwest Missouri's area weather forecaster.

Brother Damian considers himself a "self educated weatherman."

"I guess I got interested in studying weather as a hobby when I was 11 years old," he said. "I am as faithful to weather as other people are to a favorite sports team. But instead of being a sports fan, I'm a weather fan," he said.

Although the weather bureau depends on sophisticated forecasting methods using instruments and statistical data, Brother Damian practices a different approach in his weather forecasting.

"I go by natural forecasting," Brother Damian said. "That is, I look at elements around me in nature. It's based on a cause and effect theory--at least that's where I've had my best luck," he said.

"What the weather bureau in Kansas City needs is a window," he said. "They use their fancy instruments and statistical data, but they never bother to look outside," he said.

Brother Damian spends about 30 minutes a day compiling weather data and filing it into the Abbey's weather records.

After the daily prayer at 5:30 a.m., Brother Damian checks his weather station for the day's temperature, barometric pressure, precipitation, wind direction, wind velocity and sky conditions and determines the day's weather forecast.

"Weather is like a recipe," he said. "All these factors are ingredients which determine the day's forecast, much like the ingredients of a recipe determine whether you get angel food or devil's food cake," he said.

In 1968 Brother Damian took over the daily weather records for the monastery.

"When I came to the Abbey from Wichita (Kan.), I had to learn the weather patterns all over again because they're different here," he said.

Between the two morning prayers, Brother Damian finds time to phone the Bethany radio station and the Maryville **Daily Forum** to relay the day's weather forecast.

This area has its own special weather signs, he said.

"When the wind switches from a westerly direction to southeast, it means a change in the weather, usually rain," he said.

In June, many storms develop from the northwest, south of Omaha, Brother Damian said.

There are also definite signs in the spring months of March, April and part of May. Usually

thunderstorms develop from the southwest, he said.

"It's the storms that develop above Savannah that I particularly watch," he said. "There's a serious problem in our area because we are not protected by the weather bureau's radar due to the curvature of the earth," he said.

The weathermen in Kansas City can not protect people in extreme Northwest Missouri unless a resident alerts them to those weather conditions, Brother Damian said.

Brother Damian is working with Louis Gray of the Maryville extension office to get "badly needed" weather spotters for Northwest Missouri.

"The spotters would be trained to learn weather conditions and patterns so they can relay information to a central spot where it can be quickly broadcast," he said.

Since Brother Damian began forecasting the weather at the Abbey, he has only sounded the monastery's storm alarm three times.

"The monks and the students really respect my warnings," he said. "If I sounded it today, I bet 99 percent of them would immediately go to the tunnel."

The only part of the job Brother Damian does not like is making the decision to sound the storm alarm.

"It's a tough three minutes," he said. "Am I going to make all 150 people run downstairs for nothing and risk a fall or a heart attack? I guess the decision is between me, God and the tornado.

No one helps me decide. I suppose God is the referee," he said.

Studying the reaction of animals also is an important part of weather forecasting, he said.

"Birds get real quiet before a storm because the air pressure drops so much that they can't fly," he said.

But man's best friend when it comes to severe storms and tornadoes are dogs, Brother Damian said.

"A dog is the best barometer you could have because it is sensitive to smell. When a tornado generates electricity, it produces ozone. Fifteen to 20 minutes before a tornado comes, dogs will become extremely nervous, because they can smell this ozone," he said.

[Above Left] Brother Damian of Conception Abbey, weather forecaster for the Nodaway County area, predicts an on-schedule arrival for spring this year. However, Northwest Missouri will get another major snow storm, he said.

[Above Right] Brother Damian walks with the Abbey mascot to the weather station to check the day's high temperature.

[Below] Brother Damian views the Conception area from one of his observation towers where he watches the sky during severe weather to warn area residents of dangerous storms.

Photos by Dave Young



Steppin' Out

War comes to life in Tivoli

By Janice Corder
Entertainment Editor

Apocalypse Now is showing at 8 p.m. beginning Feb. 27 at the Tivoli Theater. This Vietnam War movie stars Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall, Martin Sheen and Sam Bottoms.

Francis Coppola wrote, directed and produced the high-budgeted movie, claiming to show the War like it really was. Brando plays a crazed U.S. leader whom Sheen is assigned to eliminate.

Apocalypse Now was actually filmed in and around the Vietnam War area and included thousands of extras--some of them Vietnamese refugees.

Admission for **Apocalypse Now** is \$2.50 and it is rated R.

The Electric Horseman is being held over at the Missouri Theater until March 6. Showtime is 8 p.m. and admission is \$2.25. The film stars Robert Redford and Jane Fonda as a commercialized cowboy and a woman

newscaster.

Union Board is presenting **Saturday Night Fever** at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 through March 2 at Horace Mann Auditorium. The film that brought discos into national attention back in '77 stars John Travolta as the young man of small ambition with a special talent for dancing.

JOY, a Christian musical group, will be performing at 7:30 Feb. 28 in the Spanish Den. The concert is a blend of contemporary and classical music, choral arrangements, sing-a-longs, solo songs and children's songs.

JOY's program lasts approximately 90 minutes and they are directed by Professor M. Gary Lohmeyer, a graduate of Concordia Teacher's College in Nebraska. The group contains 12 musicians and vocalists and is on tour throughout the United States. **JOY** is based in Milwaukee, Wis.

Magician Danny Korem will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 29 in the high rise cafeteria. Korem has created over 100 original magic effects and uses audience participation in his act. The event is sponsored by the Baptist Student Union and admission is free.

Kurt and Terry, a singing duo, will be performing at the Hitching Post during the dinner hour this weekend.

A Western party will be sponsored by Union Board at 6:45 p.m. March 4 in the Spanish Den. Singer and guitar player Annie Brave will perform and non-alcoholic mixed drinks will be on sale for 25 cents. Admission is free.



As attack helicopters buzz overhead and battle rages around them, U.S. troops participate in a Holy Communion service in **Apocalypse Now** playing at the Tivoli Theater this week.

Play review

'Antigone' lacks characters

By Steve Hatfield
Dramatic Reviewer

All right. **Antigone** died. Haemon died. Eurydice died. Each one a suicide, each death reported by messenger. And all so Creon, who wanted to die too, could learn a lesson. Something about politics and Zeus. Or about wisdom and age. Classically Greek. And tragic.

Because there were no characters. There was 5th century B.C. Greece and lots of talk about justice, authority, pride, but there was no major character on stage who spoke to 20th century Maryville man. No one spoke for him. He might have not been there.

Antigone's problem began immediately when **Antigone** came on stage, placed her body about a first down's distance from her sister's and began a heart-to-heart with her sister about **Antigone's** plan to kill herself.

This was serious stuff. Personal stuff. Emotional stuff. Yet when the conversation ended, neither sister had moved a foot from her prescribed position on stage. Just the way real sisters move when one discloses a plan for suicide and challenges the other to join her in self-destruction.

The program explained this inchoate non-reality on stage as the acting style traditionally ascribed to ancient Greeks; unfortunately there were no ancient Greeks in the audience to appreciate any of it. Consequently, there were no characters on stage who mattered as people. And lacking that, there was no tragedy on stage all evening.

This is not to say that acting style alone precluded a completely satisfying production. The play itself, excellent translation notwithstanding, was culprit too, turning as it does around themes rather than characters, so that the characters do not move with themes but are moved by themes. What is more, the attitudes of 5th century B.C. Greeks as regards politics and Zeus are of no more than academic interest to 20th century Maryville man, who probably goes to the theater for something else entirely.

Anyway, if the play as a whole disappointed, certain technical aspects of the play did not. Particularly effective were the lighting design by Ross Johnson and the use of recorded music to create dramatic effect.

Although **Antigone** did not deserve a full spotlight on her final speech and the music occasionally clashed with the words of the chorus, more often than not the lights revealed meaning and the sound established mood successfully. Both were welcome additions to the production.

But neither did for the play what the chorus of Theban elders did. Dressed like Black Riders (hoods and everything), striding across stage in the patterns of a mysterious marching band, all the while concealing its collected face behind eight expressionless white masks, the chorus held the play together.

It introduced players, responded to action and established themes. Kudos to directors Ross, Disney-Mackey, and Dorr for what they did with the chorus and to Marie Elena Benitez, the chorus leader, who spoke clearly and convincingly her too few lines.

Before **Antigone** died and Haemon died and Eurydice died and Creon crawled out, condemned to other plays. Classically Greek.



'That old-time religion'

Album Review

Knack follow-up falls flat

By Jim Kirkpatrick
Staff Writer

In '79, the Knack set the music world on its ear with its triumphant debut album, "Get the Knack," on Capitol Records. The group was promoted as the "New Beatles" by Capitol.

The album cover of "Get the Knack" showed the foursome in outfits resembling the Beatles' '64 collarless costumes and the label was the same style as those on the early Beatles records.

The music even had a touch of Beatles influence. With this kind of promotion and songs like "My Sharona" and "Good Girls Don't," "Get the Knack" became Capitol's best selling debut album since "Meet the Beatles."

Well, the new Fab Four is back with a whole new album's worth of songs about girls, sex, lost loves, partying and more girls. The album is called "But the Little Girls Understand."

The album starts out with "Baby Talks Dirty," the first single released

off the album. The tune seems to have bits and pieces of "My Sharona" echo through it, not saying much for versatility.

"I Want Ya" is one of the better tunes on the album and would make a good single. It is one of the few songs combining good lyrics with a no holds barred sound. The tune is more in the style of the first album than this one.

"Tell Me You're Mine" is one of the several slow ballads and is done in the style of updating a 50s type ballad to the tune of the 80s. This is the same thing done by Queen with their single, "Crazy Little Thing Called Love."

"Mr. Handleman" is another one of the few good tunes off this album, showing some decent versatility. It is also one of the few songs where the Knack shows some effort instead of giving a shallow effect to the song.

"Can't Put A Price on Love" opens up a lot like the Rolling Stones tune, "Beast of Burden." But unfortunately, the Knack isn't as experienced as the

Stones and once again little or no feeling is put into the song. The Knack must have believed they were on vacation when they did this album. On most of the tunes they seem to be holding back any type of hard rock-n-roll sound and this produces a lackluster effect.

Side two opens with "The Hard Way," a Ray Davies tune. The group does a good job of Knackizing this song and it would have fit into the first album.

"It's You" and "The End of The Game" are both below par Knack performances and the album would have been better without them.

"The Feeling I Get" is the only slow ballad on the album they really pull off. The album needs this slow tune but most of the others should have been forgotten.

"Rave Up" is just a jam or party tune which appears to be on the album as a filler.

The album closes with "How Can Love Hurt So Much," another shallow tune, showing little feeling if any.

The Knack are good musicians but they need better written tunes and a harder sound if they are going to come out with another classic like their first album. The Beatles influence is gone from most of the tunes but unfortunately, so is the good music. The Knack are going to come with a style of their own which doesn't hold them back if they are going to get back on the winning track. The Knack will have to get their act together for their next album or people will be saying, "Forget the Knack."

Symphonic Band to present concert

The NWMSU Symphonic Band will present its Winter Concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Charles Johnson Theater.

The 60-member group will perform "Suite of Old American Dances" by Robert Russell Bennett; "Concertino for Clarinet" with a clarinet solo by William O'Hara. By C.M. Webber; "Chorale" by Vaclav Nelhybel; "His Honor" by Henry Fillmore; "The Little English Girl" by D. Delle Cese; "Salvation is Created" by Tschesnokoff; "Pageant" by Vincent Persichetti; "Incantation and Dance" by John Barnes Chance; "La Mandolinta," with baritone solo by Ernest Woodruff, by Herman Bellstedt. The Winter Concert will follow a concert tour by the band of several St. Louis high schools. The main purpose of this tour is to recruit students.

The concert will be open to the public.

The STROLLER

With the weather hitting the 50s mark, our Stroller decided it was time to clean out his closet and gather all of his winter clothes and gear to take back home.

After digging his dirty woolen socks and long underwear out from under his bed, our man boxed up all of his winter belongings.

Now came the chore of carrying all of the boxes to his old jalopy to make the trip home. Our Stroller made 10 trips just back and forth to the elevator before getting everything down to the lobby.

First, our man filled the trunk, then the back seat, then the front seat of his vehicle before getting all of his winter woollens packed away.

Ready for the long trip back home to visit Mom and Dad Stroller, our man fires his jalopy up and heads off campus. Before driving one block our guy had managed to hit at least 25 craters or chuckholes as called by some. But when one hole is large enough to swallow an entire car, Your Stroller considers them craters.

Our man inches his way to the edge of campus, weaving back and forth to avoid holes, as if he were returning from one of those wild Saturday night parties, finally making the long trip home just in time to pack his summer clothing and head to good old NWMSU.

Ready for the great weather ahead our carouser dresses for class on Monday morning in his green gym shorts, his NWMSU tank top and his oldest pair of Nikes.

He bounded down the stairs in his summer garb including his brand new pair of Foster Grants and quickly dashed out the door of his dorm. Our man's knees buckled as he hit the nice fresh freezing cold air.

With a cry of pain and an icy jump, our man headed back to his room to thaw out. As he walked stiffly up the stairs our guy lets out a sigh and thinks to himself, "Boy, that's bad when even the weather starts playing tricks on me."

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SPORTS

'Cats end season, post 16-11 record

by Tom Ibarra
Staff Writer

The Bearcat basketball team finished their regular season with a disappointing loss to Lincoln, 73-68, Feb. 23 but felt satisfied with their overall season and voiced concern about what to expect next year.

Against Lincoln, the Bearcats led by six at the half but turnovers at the wrong time proved costly in the late stages of the game.

Northwest led late in the second half but in the final two minutes they committed three crucial turnovers and were outscored by the Blue Tigers, 8-2.

"The kids were determined to end the season on a positive note and we controlled the game to just under two minutes," Coach Lionel Sinn said. "The loss was very disappointing to the players and the coaches."

The Bearcats shot 49 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free throw line in a losing cause. Mark Yager led the Northwest scorers with 18, Crale Bauer had 11 and Mark Adams added 10.

Although the team voiced disappointment about finishing the season on a negative note, they felt pretty good about the team's performance during the entire year.

"Overall it wasn't a bad season but everybody wanted to do better," Miller said.

One aspect that made it a good season was the Bearcat defense and Sinn said it was one of the team's major strengths.

"The team was willing to work hard defensively, and statistically, we were the best defensive team in the conference," Sinn said.

Our overall team speed was not

exceptional and we were not a strong free throw shooting team," Sinn said.

The highlight of the season, according to some of the players, was the second place finish at the conference tournament in January, but Sinn said for him there were many highlights.

"Winning the first road game, the first conference road game and beating Southwest Missouri State three times this year were all highlights for me," Sinn said. "Beating Lamar was also a highlight because Lamar is one of the better Division II schools in the country."

Although Sinn was a first year coach and new to the Northwest basketball program, many players felt he adapted well and provided good leadership for the team.

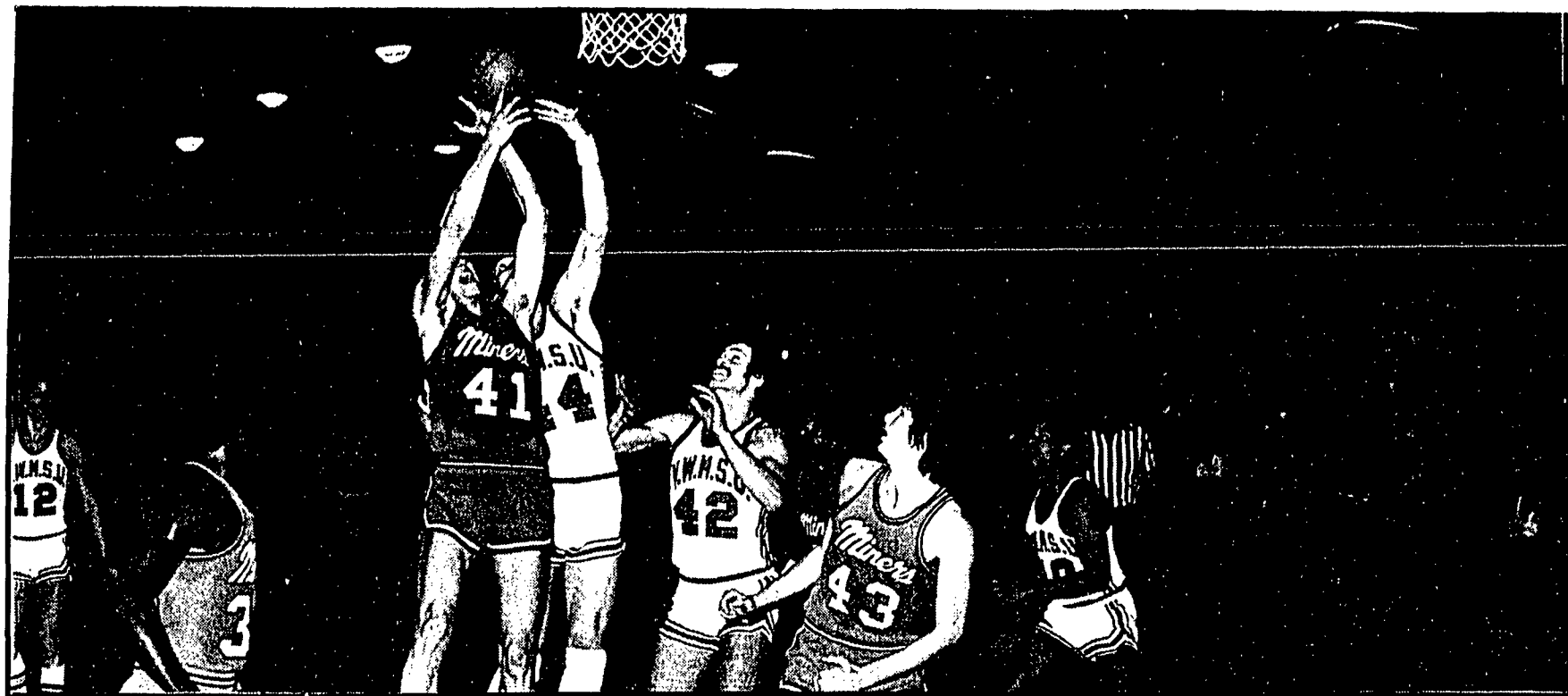
"I feel he fit in pretty good and did a good respectable job of coaching," Bauer said.

Sinn also stressed that he had little trouble adapting to Northwest and never felt at a disadvantage being a first year coach.

"The year's gone really quickly," Sinn said. "We've made progress and we still have progress to be made."

The outlook for next year is one of concern because the Bearcats will lose five seniors to graduation. Those players on the squad that will graduate are guards Mel Tyler and Lamont Lofton, forwards Kevin Levetzow and Mark Adams and center Russ Miller. "Losing those five seniors will be a big chunk out of our team and we'll feel the loss," Sinn said. "The key is what the other people do in the off-season and what kind of people we recruit."

Recruiting will play an important role in replacing those seniors and both Sinn and other remaining players know the



Missourian Photo/ Andre A. Jackson

Blocked

Russ Miller attempts to block a Rolla Miner shot. The Miners won the game 75-65, one of the 11 Bearcat losses. The basketball season ended last week.

importance of a good recruiting program for next year.

"We like to start in this geographical area and emphasize the midwest but we have to go anywhere the talent is," Sinn said. "We feel good about recruiting right now but it's a guessing game."

The Bearcats finished the season with an overall record of 16 wins and 11 losses and a 5-7 record in the MIAA Conference.

"16-11 is the best year Northwest has had in 10 years," Sinn said. "I think the team can definitely see some things to be proud of."

All-school championship set

By Dave Humphries
Staff Writer

The All-School Championship title will be on the line March 3, when the Rookies, winners of the independent league, square off against the fraternity league champions, the Phi Sig Chodes. The Rookies defeated Ten Just Men, 57-51, to advance to Monday night's final while the Phi Sig Chodes dumped the Phi Sig Zombies, 48-32, for the fraternity title last week.

The recreational final was captured by the Indians who set back SNAFU, 41-32, for the crown. The consolation

round saw the Bruins tag the Rhythmic Midnight Express with a 57-51 loss and captured a third place in the independent league. TKE #1 got by Sigma Tau Gamma, 53-58, to clinch third place in the fraternity league consolation.

Doug Peterson, intramural director, complimented the play of Wayne Allen of the Rookies in the independent league championship game.

"Wayne played very well," said Peterson.

Also receiving top billing for their performance during the championship round were Stan Gluber and Isaih Wade

of Ten Just Men.

"The level of competition was extremely high," said Peterson.

The women's finals were decided last week and the Benchers crushed the Dinkers 34-26 for the title.

The intramural basketball season will conclude March 5, after the All Star game is played in Martindale Gym.

Feb. 29 is the deadline for the turn in date of winter sports rosters. Racquetball, Co-ed volleyball and swimming head the winter sports list. Games will get under way March 17.

Mark 'Disco' Yager boosts Bearcat basketball team

By Kevin Vail
Staff Writer

Much to the dismay of the MIAA, the Bearcat basketball program has come alive and will be a force to be reckoned with in the '80s. One reason for its awakening is the electrifying play of sophomore guard, Mark 'Disco' Yager.

Yager, a 6'6" guard has firmly established himself as a starter and a soon to be star of the future. Precision passing is Yager's trademark as he

makes the impossible look easy. A tribute to this is his school record of 143 assists that he achieved this year, smashing the old 'Cat record held by Alan Bubalo, 1975-76, of 121.

"I'm just an average passer," said Yager. "I really haven't been known for my passing before. When you've got guys like Bauer, Adams and Miller underneath, it's easy. We've always wanted to get our inside game going, so in effect I'm just doing my job. My

motto has always been to hit the open man."

Ironically, in establishing the assist record Yager had no knowledge of it until teammates told him about it.

"Russ Miller had told me I was close before the Central Missouri game, but just how close I didn't know. One of the radio guys (KXCV) told me after the game that I had broken the record. It didn't even occur to me," said Yager.

Another weapon that Yager added to his arsenal this year was the ability to score. This year he averaged 10 points a game as compared to last year's seven points a game.

"I played ball every day this summer," said Yager, an Oak Forest, Illinois, native. I played six days a week at my high school. I really worked on my

shot a lot. When you play one-on-one you have to learn to score."

In addition to his obsessive practice

Yager has made weight-lifting a part of his training.

"As soon as the season is over I'm going right back to it. It's really helped me physically," he said.

Despite what Yager calls his weaknesses, one big advantage he has over his opponents is his height. As a 6'6" guard, he almost always is taller than his defender.

"It's really an advantage when a small guard is covering you. I can see over them and pass better. From a defensive standpoint if they're quick I really have to work to cover them."

If there is one characteristic that stands out about Yager it is his ability to enjoy himself while on the court.

"I always have fun when I'm playing. I'm doing what I like to do. I'm here to play basketball," he said.

Watching Yager play it is easy for the spectator to see how he got his nickname, 'Disco.'

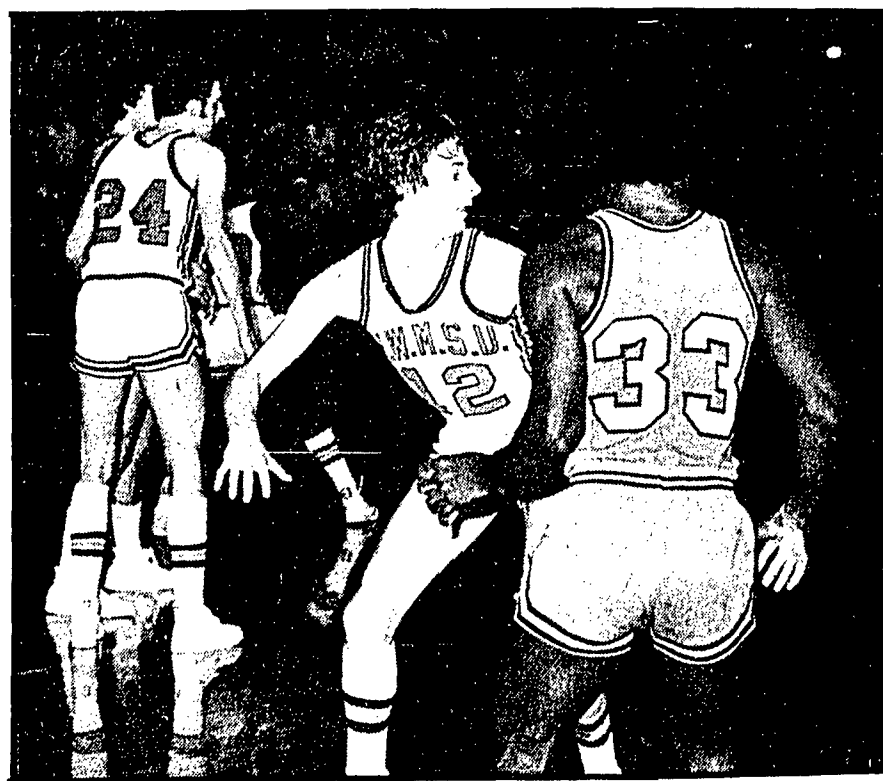
He has a graceful and fluid style of play. Oddly enough none of these traits have anything to do with it.

"The way I got my nickname is really a dull story. I didn't win any dance contests or appear on American Bandstand. I had just gotten to the college my freshman year and one of the

assistant coaches was having a party. Everyone was ready to go so I just opened one of my suitcases and grabbed a pair of jeans and a T-shirt. On my jeans was a tag that said Disco so everyone at the party started to call me Disco. After that it stuck," he said.

Yager is quick to point out that this year's Bearcat basketball success is attributed a total team effort.

"Coach Sinn has really helped us defensively and brought us close together. We all get along and play together real well. We have some real good assistant coaches who really know what they are doing. They really helped a lot. I'm really pleased with the season. It's been a pleasure for me to play."



Missourian Photo/Andre A. Jackson

Mark Yager keeps his man covered during a home game this year. Yager achieved 143 assists this season--a school record.

Bearkittens head for sub-regionals

By Ken Misfeldt
Staff Writer

The Bearkitten basketball team ended their regular season on a high note by defeating South Dakota 58-49 on Feb. 25. The win halted a two-game losing streak given to the 'Kittens by Nebraska and Central Missouri and sparked some momentum before they head into the AIAW Region 6 Division I Sub-Regional Tournament.

Patty Painter, Jody Giles and Julie Chadwick led the team with 24, 12 and 10 points, respectively. Chadwick also added 10 rebounds in the game.

The Bearkittens are averaging over 50 boards a game, which is fifth best in the AIAW.

Painter continued her record breaking scoring against South Dakota with 24 points, moving her career total to 1,055 and into the number three spot on the Northwest all-time scoring list. Even though Painter has led the team in scoring this year, Winstead said it is not planned that way.

"I have never tried to gear our offense around any one or two persons. It's too easy for a team to shut the offense down that way," he said. "Our offense is run totally with five people and anyone can take a shot when they are clear."

On Feb. 23, the 'Kittens concluded their home season with a 66-51 loss to a "very tough Central Missouri team," according to Winstead.

"We played well but Central is a tough ball club. They've only dropped three ball games this year and before playing us, had just beaten Kansas State by seven," said Winstead. "There were some times when we missed some shots but the game was a combination of their good play and our inability to get the ball in the hole."

With the 'Kittens ahead of Central 18-16, the Jennies outscored the home team 16-4 to take a 32-22 halftime lead. Winstead said he thought the turning point of the game occurred then.

"That was the turning point of the game. Central got on top and gained some confidence and it was very hard for us to come back from that situation," said Winstead.

The Bearkittens fell to Central for the second time this season as poor shooting and 18 turnovers plagued the team in the game. The 'Kittens shot only 34 percent from the field and 56 percent from the free throw line.

"We were just off on our shooting that night. Central's defense is more than respectable, but I don't think it was that tough," said Winstead.

Painter again led the offense with 20 tallies but it took her 27 shots to get nine to fall. Jody Giles added 10 points while Chadwick showed her consistency with nine points and 11 rebounds.

Chadwick has been a steady rebounder all year and Winstead explained some of the reasons why.

"We work on rebounding and boxing out in practice," he said. "Julie has exceptional jumping ability. She gets good position and although she's only about 5'10", she plays like she's 6'3"."

Nebraska handed the 'Kittens a loss on Feb. 21 with a score of 59-55. Northwest led the entire ball game until the last 40 seconds. The loss was the fourth in a row to the Huskers over the last two seasons and their thirteenth setback in 16 games against Big Eight competition in the past two years.

Painter scored 27 points to become the first 'Kitten to surpass the 1,000 point mark as a junior, but it didn't help as Northwest lost the game in the last 40 seconds.

With the score knotted at 55, Nebraska stole the ball and went in for an uncontested layup to give the Huskers their first lead of the night. Nebraska added two free throws later and held the 'Kittens scoreless the remainder of the ball game.

Winstead believes the turning point in the game happened before the last 40 seconds, though.

"The turning point in the game was in the last three minutes when the officials allowed more physical contact," he said. "Our team has to play with finesse. When we have to play a team physically, we aren't as effective."

Northwest turned the ball over 20 times and Nebraska 22 with both teams shooting 44 percent from the field. But the ability of the Huskers to turn the turnovers into points and dominate the boards, 39-30, proved to be the difference.

After the two home losses and the road victory over South Dakota, the 'Kittens' record stands at 19-8. They take their winning record to Lincoln Feb. 28 where they play Iowa at 4 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Complex.

Heading into the sub-regionals Winstead said the girls have the right attitude.

"The attitude of the girls is real good."

I think we have a good chance of placing in the sub-regionals and making it on to the regionals in Des Moines," he said.

Winstead said he's weary about playing Iowa again, but believes the girls will be confident.

"There's two ways to look at this situation. After beating them by 20 points on our court I think the kids will enter the game with a lot of confidence. Iowa is beatable and we know this," he said. "On the other hand, Iowa is going to be up for the game because they don't want to be handled by us again."

With a 7-7 record against Region 6 opponents so far this season, Winstead said his team can play with the best of them.

"We're small, but we'll do what we can to win a ball game," he said.

Teams in the tournament according to their seed are Drake, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwest Missouri, Iowa, Creighton, South Dakota and Iowa State.

White, Murley set records

By Dave Humphries
Staff Writer

Shot-putter Charlie White and 880-yard runner Brian Murley set NWMSU school records this weekend while competing in the Missouri Intercollegiate Championships in Columbia, Mo., Feb. 15.

White's toss of 50'6" was good enough for a school record but not good enough to take first in that event. Earnie Poole's throw of 50'7.5" edged out White. Murley's 1:56.03 record setting time gave the Bearcats a first in that event.

"Both White and Murley performed well," said Richard Flanagan, head coach. "Murley beat some good people and seems to be getting tougher. The long bus ride took something out of us

and we didn't have the best entries in all of the events. It was a good chance for us to see other schools that we will be competing with in the conference meet next Monday."

The conference meet will be held March 3 in Warrensburg.

"We weren't concerned with team performance as much as we were interested in individual placing for the conference meet," said Flanagan.

Other top performances were turned in by Dave Montgomery, who finished second in the three mile run with a 14:21 time. In the high jump, Tim DeClue's jump of 6'6" was fourth on the day as was Greg Frost, who completed the 1,000 yard run in 2:17. The conference meet wraps up the indoor track season for the Bearcats.

TIME OUT

By Cheryl Krell
Sports Editor

A combination of the United States hockey team, Eric Heiden and several other athletes created a new name for Americans during the winter Olympics this past week. The 1980 team matched the 1932 record haul of 12 medals by the end of the Games. But the thrill that was involved in winning these 12 medals went unmatched.

Probably the most triumphant victory was the come-from-behind wins, where a young and dynamic United States hockey team beat a mighty Russian team and then Finland, to steal the gold medal for the first time since 1960. This win, which could be credited for at least briefly uniting the people of America, brought on cries of "We're no. 1" and "Bring on Iran" from the crowds. In fact this victory almost overshadowed the feat of another superstar, Eric Heiden. Heiden swept the five speed skating events, taking a record five gold medals. He also managed to knock six seconds off of the world record in the 10,000 meter race.

Although the Olympics definitely belonged to the hockey team and Heiden, there were five other athletes that contributed medals to the American team total. They are Linda Fratianne, a silver medalist in women's figure skating; Beth Heiden, Eric's sister, a bronze medalist in the women's 3,000 meter speed skating; Leah Mueller, a silver medalist in both the women's 500 and 1,000 meter speed skating events; Charles Tickner, a bronze medalist in the men's figure skating; and Phil Mahre, a silver medalist in the men's slalom ski race.

So, another winter Olympics has come and gone. Although the Thirteenth Games were besieged by many problems, the Americans have still turned out victorious. And these Olympics will probably be remembered not for the problems, but for the 12 gold medals and the athletes that worked very hard for them.

Lee Schechinger: Going out in style

By Cheryl Krell
Sports Editor

Lee Schechinger, Bearcat wrestler, knew this would be his last year to wrestle competitively so he decided to make it a year worth remembering. And he did.

Schechinger leaves Feb. 28 for the NCAA Division II Championships at Nebraska-Omaha along with several other Bearcats. He's headed for nationals.

"I don't know how I'll do," said Schechinger. "I think that if I wrestle well I should do all right."

But heading for nationals is only one of his accomplishments for the year. He claimed the 177 lb. championship at the MIAA wrestling tournament at Warrensburg Feb. 24, earning an overtime decision over Southwest Missouri State All-American Randy Waggoner and posts the team's best record with a 25-8-1 overall.

"I think I've done well because I've got the most experience on the team," said Schechinger. "I also knew it was my last year to wrestle and I wanted to give it my best shot."

Schechinger has been wrestling since the seventh grade. He transferred to NWMSU two years ago from Iowa Central where he finished sixth in the nation. His first year at NWMSU he posted a 23-12-2 record and was runner

up in the MIAA at 167 lbs. Schechinger said he likes the NWMSU wrestling program.

"It's pretty good here," he said. "I think the facilities are a lot better than the ones at Iowa Central. I would like to see more home meets scheduled and also more off-season training here, though. We need more weightlifting. Our team is weaker than many of our opponents because they lift more weights."

Schechinger believes that his style of wrestling is more concerned with technique than with strength.

"I think I use more technique because I don't think I'm really that strong. At least a lot of the guys I wrestle have been stronger than me," said Schechinger.

Like most wrestlers, Schechinger enjoys the one-on-one competition the sport offers. But he's also in it for another reason.

"I like the one-on-one because if you win, you win for yourself," he said. "But I'm also majoring in physical education and I'd like to coach some day. I just want to be around it."

Although he likes competing, Schechinger dislikes one of the most common rituals of wrestling...that of cutting weight.

"I haven't had to cut too much weight

since I began wrestling at 177 lbs., but before when I was at 167 I was doing it a lot," he said. "Usually I would just eat one main course and one glass of fluids per day while I was trying to make weight. But if I was a lot over, I might skip, and go without anything for a while."

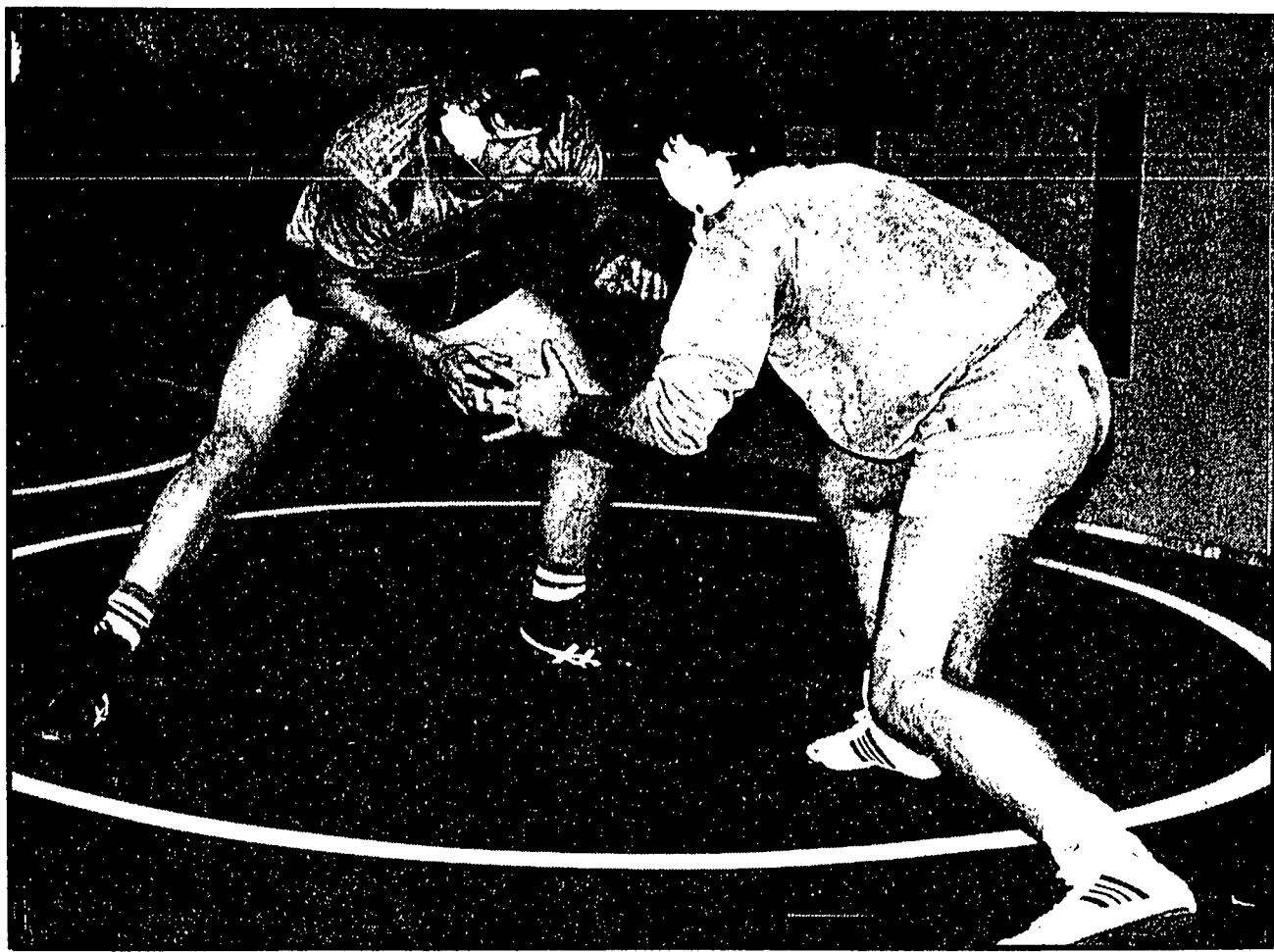
Because of these sacrifices, Schechinger believes that it takes several qualities to make a wrestler.

"A wrestler needs determination, agility and flexibility," he said. "I think that more and more he also needs to have a wrestling background to be successful. He needs to have at least wrestled in high school."

For the spectator, wrestling is often a painful sport as they watch the athlete's body bent, twisted and held in the most precarious positions, but Schechinger says it is not actually as painful for them as it looks.

"A wrestler goes through a lot of training before he competes. In practice you are in these positions and you become conditioned. I don't think it is as painful as it looks, because while you are on the mat you are so psyched up that you don't feel much pain. It's when you get off the mat after the match...that's when it is sometimes painful," said Schechinger.

After the nationals this weekend, Schechinger's wrestling career will be over for the most part. And after nine years of the sport he believes one thing. "I'm really going to miss it," he said.



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In practice last week, Lee Schechinger (left) wrestles Dave Robinson. Schechinger holds the best team record and is headed for national competition.

Wrestlers place 4th in conference meet

By Stuart Osterthun
Staff Writer

NWMSU scored 57.5 points enroute to a fourth place finish at the MIAA conference wrestling meet last Saturday in Warrensburg.

The highlight of the day for Northwest was Lee Schechinger's first place finish in the 177 lb. class and Jim Shemwell's second place in the heavyweight division. They will both compete in the national meet Feb. 29-March 1 at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Although Kirk Strand placed second at 118 lbs. and Rich Bright took second at 150 lbs., they will not compete at the nationals because they were not chosen as wild card selections. Joel Beebe and Terry Lenox placed fourth at 134 and 142 lbs. to aid in the scoring.

CMSU won the meet with 81.25 points, SWMSU took second with 68.5 points, NEMSU third with 58, Northwest fourth and SEMSU, Lincoln and Rolla rounded out the standings.

Injuries again proved disastrous

for the Bearcats as Brad Bales and Scott Lane were left in Maryville, leaving the 126 lb. and 190 lb. weight class vacant by the 'Cats.

"The wrestlers performed well. We left some varsity wrestlers at home injured and I think that made a difference," said Gary Collins, head coach.

Looking over the year, Collins believes that injuries were the main problem.

"Team-wise we had a poor year because of injuries. I'm usually satisfied with good performances. I enjoy these wrestlers because they're hard-working and never back down," said Collins.

Northwest will have a veteran squad next year and should be a strong contender for the conference title if injuries can be eliminated.

"We need to be healthier than we were this year. We're also going to recruit heavily in the 167 and 177 lb. classes. We don't have enough depth in those weights."

Bearcat baseball ready for action

By Stuart Osterthun
Staff Writer

Baseball at NWMSU is a year-round sport and even though Jim Wasem, head coach, wasn't here last fall, he still has a pretty good idea who his main players are.

"Fall baseball is a must," said Wasem, who is in his eighth year as coach. "Any team in the Midwest almost has to have fall baseball because of the weather factor. You have to take advantage of the good days in the fall."

Marty Albertson coached the fall workouts since Wasem was continuing his education in Illinois.

"Marty was pleased with what he saw," said Wasem. "It went very well and it gave us a chance to see what we had."

About 90 players divided into five teams, captained by one of the returning lettermen. The first two weeks of fall was devoted to the basic fundamentals of baseball and teaching the rookie NWMSU baseball.

"Fall ball gives you a better criteria in making judgements on the individual. It also gets the young people into the style of play."

Winter ball began at the first of the semester and now the annual spring trip south is not far away. This year the Bearcats will travel to Arkansas, where they will tangle with Arkansas University, Arkansas Tech., Central Arkansas, Ouachita Baptist and Henderson University. The team leaves March 7 for Joplin, Mo., where they will take on Missouri Southern in the season opener. From there they head for Arkansas.

Seniors Greg Hawk and Tom Franke are the team captains this season. Hawk, a catcher, is going for his third letter and Franke, a pitcher, will try for his fourth as a Bearcat. Mark Smith, who quarter-backed the MIAA conference football champions, will be in the starting lineup as the left fielder. Smith led the team last year with a .300 plus batting average and is expected to continue his torrid bat performance this

year. Seven other Bearcats are competing for their third letter in the sport as well.

Wasem is very optimistic about this year's team and said he is anticipating a good year with ample representation of the school.

Northwest's schedule includes Arkansas, Kansas State, Central Missouri and Northeast Missouri. An effort was made by Richard Flanagan, athletic director, to schedule Creighton, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska but none of the teams could fit NWMSU into their schedules.

"The Division I schools will be tough," said Wasem. "But we can compete with anyone. I know we can."

The league will also be tough with NWMSU, NEMSU and CMSU making up the Northern Division and SEMSU, SWMSU, Rolla and Lincoln comprising the Southern Division.

"I don't like it that way," said Wasem about the splitting of the league into two divisions. "You don't get a true champion this way. Before, when

everybody played everybody twice, you crowned the real champ."

The designated hitter rule is still in effect in college baseball. A team can choose whether or not to use it, but it is not a mandatory requirement.

"I like it. It adds another man to the lineup and gives him a chance to play. But whenever Rick Leinen pitches, he'll hit--he's a good hitter."

Leinen, a right-handed pitcher, also plays right field. Leinen and right hander Dale Kisker will start in the double header against Arkansas University. Franke and right hander Bob Lord will start the double header against Missouri Southern. Franke is expected to sign a professional contract at the end of the season. Lord, another pro prospect, will probably sign after next season, according to Wasem.

Monday, March 24, is the schedule home opener for the 'Cats. Valley City State will be the opponent in the double-header, with the first game starting at 1 p.m.

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'Looks like he made it'

Mapel gets own bubblegum card

By Lori Atkins
Managing Editor

Former NWMSU baseball pitcher Steve Mapel, 22, is only a couple of steps away from playing major league baseball. And, as he climbs the ladder towards the majors, he's gaining the fringe benefits that go along with the climb, including getting his picture on a baseball bubblegum card.

"It's a big thrill," said Mapel. "When I was a little kid, I remember when I went to stores and collected the baseball cards. Now I have my own and that's kind of neat. I also have a baseball bat with my name on it. It's taken me 22 years to get my name on a bat and my face on a bubble gum card."

Mapel, a right-hander who signed out of a try-out camp in June 1978 with the Minnesota Twins, recently completed playing AA baseball after having moved up through rookie ball and A ball. He will report to spring training in Melbourne, Fla., March 15, where he will learn whether or not he is promoted to AAA ball or will again play AA ball.

Mapel said he will leave about a week early for spring training so that he can talk with some of the major league players and possibly learn a few tips from them.

"I hope to meet Pete Rose," Mapel said. "And by talking to such a super hitter, I can see what he looks for in a pitcher."

The four-week spring training will include conditioning, different situation drills and hitting practice for the first seven to 10 days. After that, Mapel's team will compete with other teams in a pre-game season.

Mapel began playing in low A ball in April 1979. He competed in the midwest league in Wisconsin and was starting pitcher in the league with an 8-7 record. During his three months in the low A ball he had a 3.00 ERA and led the league in games started with 15, completed games with 11, innings pitched with 116 and 88 strikeouts. He also was selected to the midwest league's All-Star team.

"My highlight was June 29 when I threw my first professional shutout," said Mapel.

He was promoted to AA ball July 4 and competed in the southern league in Orlando, Fla. He finished with a 7-3 record and a 2.70 ERA. While playing AA ball, he pitched his second shutout in a 1-0 win over the Baltimore Orioles.

In September he was invited to play instructional league ball in Clearwater Beach, Fla.

"Those invited are guys who are

expected to make the major leagues in one to two years," Mapel said. "It's an extended season where you're instructed on how to do something you don't do well. The pressure is off and you have a good time."

The Twin's major league third base coach, John Gorly, worked with Mapel and others in the instructional league where they developed strategy and practiced plays and pickoffs. Mapel finished with a 5-2 record and a 2.34 ERA.

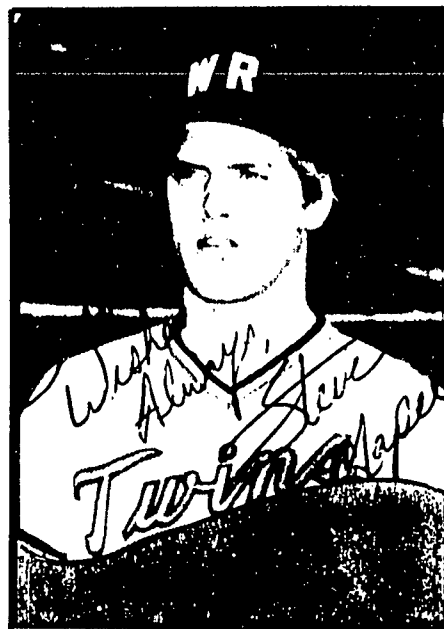
In predicting his chances of being moved up to AAA ball, Mapel is not really sure whether he will be promoted or not.

"I don't really know," he said. "I did really well in AA and I expect to play AAA if I do well in spring training. I've been working hard and I think chances are good. I'm looking forward for the season to start."

Although Mapel's outlook is fairly positive towards his future in pro ball, he has had to deal with some disappointments along the way.

"There was a good chance of getting invited to the major leagues," said Mapel. But he never got that expected invitation.

"I was disappointed a little," he said. "They (the Twins) invited two left-handed pitchers instead."



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Steve Mapel, former NWMSU pitcher, has his own baseball card. Mapel signed with the Minnesota Twins in June 1978 and has been playing since.

hustle. When I came to college it was a lot tougher and you had to work harder and be more dedicated. Wasem expects 110 percent from you because that's what he gives."

"I consider myself an average to above average athlete, but I'm by no means a superstar," said Mapel. "I wanted it (turning pro) bad enough and now I want to make it to the big leagues. And it's getting closer all the time."

"It's been a lifetime dream to play pro ball," he said. "It feels great. The word pro is a big word. It means a lot of things. When I started playing ball when I was seven years old, I thought of making it to the major leagues. And by working hard, maybe I'll get that chance. The pro ranks are within reach."

Mapel signed with the Twins after his junior year, so he still has one semester of college before he receives his BS degree in industrial technology. He plans to complete his education when his baseball career permits it.

"I was coming back last fall, but I was invited to the instructional league," said Mapel. "My baseball career comes first. I have only one semester left, so I can finish it anytime. It's just a matter of time."

Mapel plans to enroll at NWMSU next fall and graduate in December 1980, if he is not called up to the majors.

"I'm wanting to get back this fall," he said. "I hope to."

Sobbe combines education with pro baseball



Missourian photo/Andre Jackson
Bill Sobbe, ex-NWMSU catcher observes a Bearcat practice after his return to campus. Sobbe furthers his education on the off-season.

By Kevin Vail
Staff Writer

Most pro baseball players take a vacation in the winter, but for Bill Sobbe, former Bearcat catcher and now minor leaguer for the Los Angeles Dodgers, it is a chance to continue his college education at NWMSU.

Drafted in the spring of 1979 Sobbe wasted little time in showing that he is capable of playing in the pros. While playing in the Rookie League in Leftbridge, Alberta, Canada, Sobbe was given the honor of the Player's Player by his teammates. Next he played in the Winter Instructional League in Mesa, Ariz., where he was awarded for being the Most Improved Player. In both leagues he batted over .300.

"I was really pleased with my first year," said Sobbe. "My team won the championship in the Rookie League which was a big thrill."

"So far it hasn't been all that glamorous," said Sobbe. "Most of the places we play at are out in the middle of nowhere. About the only thing you can do is see a movie, go out and get something to eat or go to a bar. Even this time becomes limited because we play and travel at night. Mainly I'll spend my time reading books and watching television."

Despite this past life Sobbe's outlook is bright for this spring.

"This spring I'll be going to training camp with the big clubs. I'll meet all the stars and probably be lost the first couple of days. After the initial shock wears off I'll come back down to earth," he said.

"I think I have a definite chance to play in the majors within the next two years," said Sobbe. "If I don't make it to the majors by the time I'm 26 I'll probably be forced to quit because of financial reasons. Hopefully I'll be able to finish school so I'll have something to fall back on."

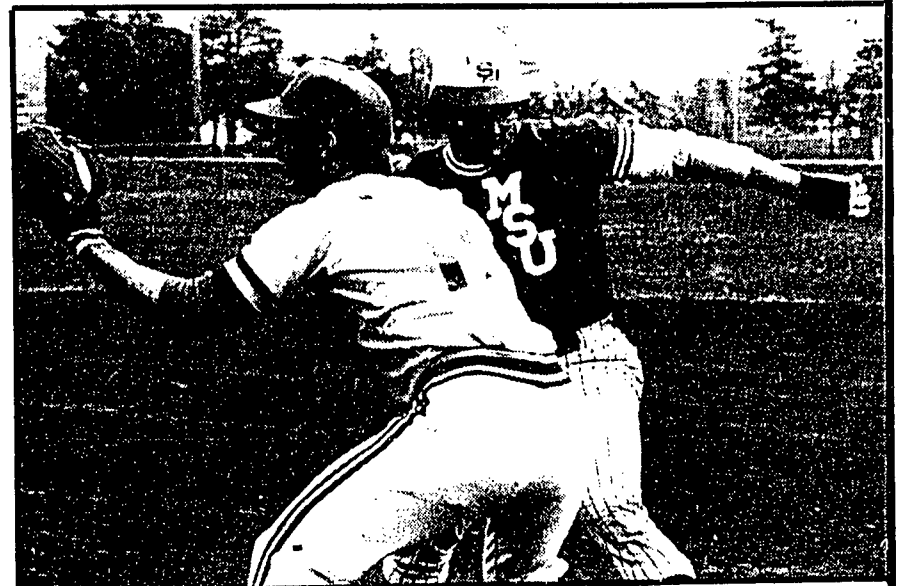
One thing that Sobbe isn't doing is pressuring himself about his present situation.

"The only pressure is what you put on yourself. If you start pressuring yourself trying to advance up the scale, then you're going to have problems. You have to let the chips fall and see where they land," he said.

Leaving school as a junior was a big decision for Sobbe, but he has no regrets.

"It was time for me to move on baseball-wise," he said. "I had progressed as far as I could at the college level. I think I got out at the right time."

Combining pro baseball and a continued education has not been easy



Missourian Photo/Dave Gieseke
In action last year for the 'Cats, Sobbe tags up safely. He was drafted in the spring of 1979 by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

for Sobbe. Finding enough free time from the minor leagues to go to school for a semester isn't easy. Right now I'm taking some education courses this first block. After this I'll only need one semester to graduate, but it will have to wait because I have to report to camp this month," he said.

For Sobbe, returning to NWMSU is not only a chance to further his education but to see many old friends.

"It's a lot of fun to be back with everyone, everybody still treats me the same which is great. The only people who treat me different are the younger kids who think it's neat that I'm a pro," he said.

"I'm really enjoying my life right now. I'm doing what I want to do and having a good time. If I make it to the majors it will be a dream come true. If I don't, I'll always have these memories

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